

## **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**LECTURE THEATRE,  
GARROCH TRAINING CENTRE, DUMFRIES, DG2 8PN  
FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2017  
10.00am – 10.45am**

### **AGENDA**

**10am**

**1. DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ON 17 MARCH 2017** (attached) – *for approval*

**10.05am**

**2. EXECUTIVE GROUP BUSINESS BRIEFING – JUNE 2017 – Report dated 7 June 2017 by Chair of the Community Planning Executive Group** (attached) – *The Strategic Partnership is invited to note the position of issues within the remit of the Executive Group.*

**10.15am**

**3. CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE - JUNE 2017 – Report dated 9 June 2017 by the Community Planning and Engagement Manager** (attached) – *The Strategic Partnership is invited to note the position of seven current key strategic issues.*

**10.25am**

**4. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME – Report dated 26 May 2017 by Community Planning and Engagement Manager** (attached) – *The Strategic Partnership is invited to note the reports and issues to be presented to the Strategic Partnership at future meetings.*

**10.35am**

**5. PREPARATION FOR THE WORKSHOP– DEVELOPING THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCALITY OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND LOCALITY PLANS** (Workshop Information Pack circulated separately) – *for discussion*

## Dates of 2017 Meetings

17 March

16 June

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Friday 16 June 2017  
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### Members

- Chair** - Leader  
**Elaine Murray** - Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Vice Chair** - Chairman  
**Philip Jones** - NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive  
NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- David Bryson** - Vice Chair  
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- Colin Cook** - Location Director for Dumfries and Galloway  
Scottish Government (observer)
- Rob Davidson** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Archie Dryburgh** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Sue Irving** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector
- Brian Johnstone** - Dumfries and Galloway Further and Higher  
Education Sector
- Jane Maitland** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Hamish McGhie** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Graham Nicol** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Gary Ritchie** - Temporary Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland,  
Dumfries and Galloway Division

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Item 1**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**Lecture Theatre,  
Garroch Training Centre, Dumfries  
Friday 17 March 2017**

**Members**

- Ronnie Nicholson** - Leader  
(Chair) Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Philip Jones** - Chair  
(Vice Chair) NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Colin Cook** - Location Director for Dumfries and Galloway  
Scottish Government (observer)
- Graeme Galloway** - Superintendent Support and Service Delivery,  
(*substitute*) Police Scotland
- Ivor Hyslop** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Sue Irving** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector
- Brian Johnstone** - Dumfries and Galloway Further Education
- Jane Maitland** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Michele McCoy** - Consultant in Public Health  
(*substitute*) NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Tom McAughtrie** - Chair  
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Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Dumfries and  
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**Robin Wishart** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector

**Andrew Wood** Councillor  
(*substitute*) Dumfries and Galloway Council

### Apologies

**Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive  
NHS Dumfries and Galloway

**Andy Ferguson** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council

**Gary Ritchie** - Temporary Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland  
Dumfries and Galloway Division

**Alistair McKinnon** - Regional Director, Scottish Enterprise

### In attendance

**Vikki Binnie** - Community Justice Partnership Manager  
Children, Young People and Lifelong Learning  
Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway Council  
(Item 1 only)

**Lillian Cringles** - Head of Children and Families, Social Work  
Children, Young People and Lifelong Learning  
Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway Council  
(Item 1 only)

**Liz Manson** - Community Planning and Engagement Manager

**Carol Marshall** - Partnership Support – Administrative Assistant  
Communities Directorate

**Kirsty Peden** - Community Engagement Manager  
Communities Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway  
Council

**Andrew Reed** - Policy and Performance Advisor  
Corporate Services, Dumfries and Galloway  
Council (Item 6 only)

## 16 Members present from 8 partners

0.1 The Chair **WELCOMED** Colin Cook who is our new Scottish Government Location Director, replacing Keith Connal. He **HIGHLIGHTED** that Colin's current role as Acting Director, Digital would be particularly helpful given the importance of connectivity for our region.

### 1. FUTURE MODEL FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

1.1 **ENDORSED** the tabled Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan for 2017/18 for submission to Scottish Government by 31 March 2017, **NOTING** that the updated version included a section on early intervention and prevention which had been added as a result of the Strategic Assessment;

1.2 **NOTED** progress in establishing an operational Community Justice Partnership and that resultant changes to strategic level partnerships (Community Safety Partnership and Public Protection Partnership) were under discussion;

1.3 **AGREED** that a progress report be submitted to the Strategic Partnership within six months, and thereafter annually through the Executive Group, as part of the Community Planning Performance Management Framework to hold partners to account for their contribution to the delivery of the actions within the Improvement Plan and participation in the partnership forums.

**ACTION: HEAD OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DGC**

### 2. MINUTES OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OF 18 NOVEMBER 2016

**APPROVED** as a correct record

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

### 3. EXECUTIVE GROUP BUSINESS BRIEFING – MARCH 2017

3.1 **NOTED** the minutes of the Executive Group meeting of 30 November 2016; and

3.2 in relation to issues recently considered by the Executive Group;

3.2.1 Community Planning Improvement Plan - **AGREED** the Community Planning Improvement Plan for 2017 with the addition of a reference to the correlation between Scottish Government funding for Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway and its ability to support capacity building across the third sector;

3.2.2 Annual report on activity at local level and review of locality partnerships – **ENDORSED** the proposal to undertake the Review of locality partnerships (which includes the Local Rural Partnerships) in the autumn of this year;

3.2.3 Inequalities Framework and Toolkit – **NOTED** the final version had been produced by NHSD&G and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan had been updated with the final wording;

3.2.4 Implementation of the Empowering Communities Service Review – **NOTED** the conclusion of this project at the end of this month, with significant progress having been made in relation to the establishment of the Community Planning Participation and Engagement Working Group; Consultation Institute training of 60 officers across 8 different organisations; and the creation of a 'Collaboration Project' with the assistance of the Scottish Futures Trust as a means of developing shared leadership across the Executive Group members;

3.2.5 Public Social Partnership on social transport – **DISCUSSED** the development of the PSP, initiated by Third Sector D&G; **HIGHLIGHTED** that all existing Transport Initiatives across the region had been invited to participate in its development; **ENDORSED** the D&G Council Budget decision to invest over £100k in the PSP; and **NOTED** the potential to link the PSP to skills training through the College.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER (3.2.1-3.2.4) and LEAD OFFICER, SWESTRANS (3.2.5)**

#### 4. CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE

##### 4.1 Regional Economic Strategy (RES) 2016 – 2020

**NOTED** the satisfactory annual performance report for the RES; and **DISCUSSED** the Scottish Government's proposed 'new vehicle' for the enterprise and skills needs of the south of Scotland. **AGREED** that our influence should be exerted as a wider partnership wherever possible to ensure that control of the skills agenda was a top priority, and that whatever structure was to be established, flexibility, the ability to be innovative and autonomy were important principles for its operating arrangements.

**ACTION: LEAD OFFICER, ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP GROUP**

##### 4.2 Children's Services Plan

**ENDORSED** the Children's Services Plan for 2017-20, **NOTING** it is due for formal approval by D&G Council and NHSD&G within the next couple of weeks and submitted to Scottish Government; and six-monthly performance progress reports will be produced.

**ACTION: CHAIR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES EXECUTIVE GROUP**

##### 4.3 Tackling Poverty

4.3.1 **NOTED** good progress being made in the development of the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group with the first meeting scheduled for 30 March 2017; the significant monies available at local level to projects and services that tackle poverty in all its forms.

4.3.2 **AGREED** that future updates include reference to the local implications of the Child Poverty Bill; the initial results of the mapping exercise; and how partners are shifting their resources and efforts towards prevention, particularly in health and social care and community and youth justice.

**ACTION: HEAD OF CUSTOMER SERVICES, DGC**

#### 4.4 **Health and Social Care Integration**

4.4.1 **NOTED** the delivery of performance information and **HIGHLIGHTED** the importance of meaningful, local performance information being available for local scrutiny from across NHSD&G and D&GC;

4.4.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** the complexity of the ongoing agenda and **NOTED** that the skills development of Integration Joint Board members as well as staff was ongoing

**ACTION: CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION**

#### 4.5 **Regional Transport Strategy**

**NOTED** the 13 actions and steps contained in the Transport Summit Final Report and **HIGHLIGHTED** that the A76, a key route in our region, was not specifically mentioned.

**ACTION: LEAD OFFICER SWESTRANS**

4.6 **NOTED** the very successful Housing seminar earlier in the week and the development of the Strategic Housing Forum. **AGREED** that the Local Housing Strategy/Strategic Housing Forum be added to this Key Current Issues report in the future, in recognition of their contribution to the key aspects of tackling socio-economic deprivation and reducing inequalities as required in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan; and

**ACTION: LEAD OFFICER, STRATEGIC HOUSING FORUM**

4.7 **FURTHER AGREED** that the Community Learning and Development Partners' Strategic Plan/Executive Group be added to this Key Current Issues report in the future, in recognition of their contribution to the key aspects of tackling socio-economic deprivation and reducing inequalities as required in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

**ACTION: CHAIR OF THE CLD PARTNERS' STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

### 5. **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) AND LOCALITY PLANS**

5.1 **NOTED** the ongoing work in relation to the collection and analysis of evidence and data;

**AGREED**

5.2 that reference to personal debt be added to the Interim LOIP for 2016/17;

5.3 the detailed engagement programme for the development of the Dumfries and Galloway LOIP as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;

5.4 that the picture of poverty and effective means of addressing it are significantly different in rural and urban areas and this needs to be a theme throughout the LOIP and communicated to Scottish Government and other national bodies; and

5.5 that a paper be submitted to a future meeting with proposals from the Executive Group for refreshed arrangements for the Strategic Partnership and the Executive Group, focussing on tackling inequality and disadvantage; a stronger role for the Strategic Partnership/Board/Elected Members holding officers to account for delivery; and updated memberships reflecting the new statutory duties in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and related Guidance.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## **6. DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE TO POLICE SCOTLAND CONSULTATION ON “SERVING A CHANGING SCOTLAND” - OUR 10 YEAR STRATEGY FOR POLICING**

**AGREED** additions to the draft response to the Strategy as follows:

Q1 – the importance of local Divisions having flexibility is key to responding to the different needs of each area;

Q3 –local autonomy is particularly important to enable Police Scotland to fulfil its leadership role within partnership structures and deliver the improved policing service which it aspires to; and

Q5 – Police Scotland senior managers make a significant contribution to the intellectual capital of Community Planning Partnerships and so their capacity to contribute to a wider agenda is important.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ronnie Nicholson, Chairman referenced the forthcoming Local Government Elections and thanked all members for their contributions and support during his four years as Chair of the Strategic Partnership.

Philip Jones, Vice Chairman congratulated and thanked the Chairman for his clear leadership and steering the Partnership successfully during his term of office, particularly through the challenge of integrating adult health and social care and tackling poverty and inequality.

Gavin Stevenson, the Chief Executive of D& G Council also thanked the Chairman, and also the other members of the Strategic Partnership, for their support and exceptional leadership around child protection and children’s services in particular over recent years.

## EXECUTIVE GROUP BUSINESS BRIEFING –JUNE 2017

### 1. Purpose of report

This note provides the Strategic Partnership with an update on issues within the remit of the Executive Group.

### 2. Recommendation

The Strategic Partnership is invited to note the position of issues within the remit of the Executive Group.

### 3. Background

This Briefing provides information on issues that are within the remit of the Executive Group and minutes of the meeting on 25 January 2017 (**Appendix 1**) and issues dealt with by correspondence by 21 April 2017 (**Appendix 2**).

### 4. Key issues

#### 4.1 Implementation of the Enabling Community Empowerment Review

4.1.1 The Review Delivery Plan concluded on 31 March 2017 along with the final report on the Council Reshape Programme. Key elements of the Delivery Plan have been mainstreamed into the work programme for the Community Planning and Engagement Unit and work continues across the Community Planning Partnership as follows:

4.1.2 The third group of 20 trainees from across eight partners have concluded the five day programme with the Consultation Institute, with a very positive Evaluation by this cohort also. Discussions are ongoing with partners about further groups and additional training, including 'The Place Standard'.

4.1.3 The Community Planning Participation and Engagement Working Group held its third meeting on May 2017 to develop a prioritised Action Plan and had a dedicated event on social media in Cornwall Mount on 28 May which attracted 40 attendees throughout the day.

4.1.4. The Council's 12 Ward officers have now been in post for three months and good connections have already been made with partners' local officers and Elected Members within the respective Wards. The Ward officers hosted Post-Local Government Election Orientation Sessions for Elected Members on 11 May 2017 where Ward Profiles and introductions to local colleagues (including Health and Social Care Locality Managers and Community Constables) took place.

#### 4.2 Co-production of Commissions

4.2.1 Third sector organisations are working with Dumfries and Galloway Council in the move from a traditional grant process to co-produced Commissions. Two Briefing sessions have now taken place with a Commissioning Forum in development which will also bring forward best practice from other parts of the UK.

The emerging Outcomes for a Commission on Representation and Engagement are being considered by the [Council's Communities Committee on 13 June 2017](#) (Item 10) and an updated will be given at the meeting.

4.2.2 The co-production sessions have highlighted the opportunity for a partnership approach, as many of the issues – for example the need to involve stakeholders in Equality Impact Assessments – are the same for all public sector bodies. Initial discussions with the Health and Social Care Partnership have been positive and will be progressed during the first (transition) year 2017/18 of the Commission.

#### 4.3 Community Empowerment Scotland Act 2015

4.3.1 Part 3: Participation Requests – discussions are also ongoing about the public sector partners' are responding to the requirement to have a mechanism for communities to have a more pro-active role in having their voices heard in how services are planned and delivered. The Council's Strategy and approach is due to be considered by the [Communities Committee on 13 June 2017](#) (Item 9) and an update will be given at the meeting.

4.3.2 Part 5: Community Asset Transfer – discussions are ongoing about the public sector partners' approaches to the new statutory duties about Community Asset Transfer. The Council's Strategy and Procedure were agreed at the [Communities Committee in March 2017](#) and the required public information and support available now appears on dedicated [webpages](#)

4.3.3 Part 9: Food Growing Strategy – there is a requirement on local authorities to produce a Food Growing Strategy. We have taken a partnership approach to this with the Development Group including NHSD&G; Third Sector D&G and the emerging Strategy addressing a wide range of community food growing issues including: allotments; guerrilla gardening; environmental issues; education and training; health and wellbeing. A [consultation event is taking place on 22 June 2017](#) at the National Trust for Scotland Threave School of Gardening in Castle Douglas and mapping work of interested groups is also underway.

4.3.4 Part 10: Participation in Public Decision-Making – there is a new regulation-making power enabling Scottish Government Ministers to require Scottish public authorities to promote and facilitate the participation of members of the public in the decisions and activities of the authority, including the allocation of its resources. An example is Participatory Budgeting (PB). The Scottish Government has a Community Choices Fund which gives public bodies and third sector organisations funding to develop this work and our Third Sector Interface has supported community groups to make bids.

The Council has allocated monies from its Change Fund for two temporary posts to develop PB. Training for officers by the national body PB Scotland took place in January 2017 and is part of the Induction Programme for Elected Members later this year. Proposals are being developed for the Anti-Poverty Fund to be determined using PB and potentially also remaining budget for Area Committee Discretionary Grants.

Liz Manson Community Planning and Engagement Manager 01387 260074 7 June 2017	Gavin Stevenson Chair Community Planning Executive Group
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**Appendix**

1. Minutes of the Executive Group meeting of 25 January 2017
2. Note of decisions of the Executive Group as at 21 April 2017

Item 2 Appendix 1**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY  
COMMUNITY PLANNING EXECUTIVE GROUP**

Wednesday 25 January 2017  
Room 2, Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries

**Members**

- Gavin Stevenson** - Chief Executive  
(Chair) Dumfries and Galloway Council  
(DGC)
- Claire Brown** - Operations Manager (Policy and  
(substitute) Projects)  
Third Sector, Dumfries and  
Galloway(TS, D&G)
- Hamish McGhie** - Local Senior Officer  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
(SFRS)  
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Hazel Mathieson** - Head of Region  
Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

**Apologies**

- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive  
NHS Dumfries and Galloway  
(NHSD&G)
- David Coulter** - Chief Executive Officer  
Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway
- Gary Ritchie** - Chief Superintendent and  
Local Commander for V Division  
Police Scotland (PS)
- Carol Turnbull** - Principal  
Dumfries and Galloway College  
(DAGCOL)

**In Attendance**

- Sam Cassells** - Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) (Item 2 only)
- Andy Reed** - Policy and Performance Advisor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council (Item 3 only)
- Liz Manson** - Community Planning and  
Engagement Manager
- Carol Marshall** - Partnership Support  
Administrative Assistant

**1. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE GROUP OF 30 NOVEMBER 2016**

**APPROVED** as a correct record.

**ACTION – COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER****2. COLLABORATION PROJECT NEXT STEPS AND THE WORK OF THE SCOTTISH FUTURES TRUST IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY****NOTED**

2.1 the range of projects and initiatives in our region in which the Scottish Futures Trust is involved including:

- the new D&G Royal Infirmary
- Schools for the Future
- shared office planning and smarter working
- housing provision
- Stranraer Waterfront

2.2 the range of projects and initiatives at national level which impact on our region in which the Scottish Futures Trust is involved including:

- strategic asset planning with Police Scotland ; Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Scottish Funding Council and Colleges; and the Scottish Ambulance Service
- cross charging arrangements for assets between 'blue-light' services
- 'collaborative place' principles

**AGREED**

2.3 the next steps for the Collaboration Project would be:

2.3.1 the development of a template for a shared asset register for use by DGC and NHSD&G in the first instance but would be suitable for roll out to other partners in

due course. This would be done through a workshop session with the two Property Managers facilitated by the SFT;

2.3.2 the identification of a town or village in the region where there was a strong community vision for the place; there was no existing Regeneration 'Masterplan' or similar; and the public sector partners had physical assets which could be available for other use/community ownership. Moffat was seen to be a suitable such location and, subject to agreement from other key partners not present at the meeting and the community group(s) leading the place-based initiative, would be the focus of the project.

2.3.3 the next step would be the establishment of a small project team with representation from DGC and NHSD&G property teams; the D&G Health and Social Care Partnership; Police Scotland; Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; the private sector; and appropriate community groups;

2.3.4 SFT would provide facilitation support and liaison with national bodies as appropriate; and the Council's Community Planning and Engagement Unit will provide support for the group. The Community Asset Management Trust would also be available to provide advice and support as required;

2.3.5 a Project Initiation type document is to be produced which would establish that the focus of this work was to identify credible possibilities for the assets and services within the town;

#### **FURTHER AGREED**

2.4 the CPEG would act as the Project Board, consistent with the decision in September 2015 in relation to Joint Property Asset Planning; and

2.5 a progress report be considered at the next meeting on both aspects of the Collaboration Project;

2.6 that the approach to be taken to the community project must be collaborative and one of co-production between the public sector and the local community. The opportunity for this project to be a flagship model for empowering a community was an exciting possibility.

#### **ACTION:**

**2.3.1 SFT TO ARRANGE WORKSHOP SESSION WITH DGC AND NHSD&G PROPERTY MANAGERS;**

**2.3.2 and 2.3.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER TO ARRANGE CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY GROUP(S)**

**2.3.3 CPEG CHAIR TO LIAISE WITH NHSD&G CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND PS LOCAL COMMANDER;**

**2.5 DGC AND NHSD&G PROPERTY MANAGERS AND COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

### **3. A PLAN FOR SCOTLAND – THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT’S PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT**

3.1 **NOTED** the publication of the Programme for Government, particularly the legislative and lobbying positions identified for attention by the Council;

#### **AGREED**

3.2 that 4/5 key lobbying issues be identified that are of shared interest with specific ‘asks’ identified that would assist us in fulfilling our Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and other strategic plans; and

3.3 to recommend the issues and asks to the Strategic Partnership for agreement and subsequent activity across the partners, including use in briefings and meetings with MPs and MSPs.

**ACTION: POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ADVISOR AND CHAIR, CPEG**

### **4. EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES–**

4.1 **NOTED** the progress being made in implementing the Review Delivery Plan and related matters, in particular the joint training programme which had involved officers across five partners and meant that we now had a professional resource who had a shared understanding of community engagement; and the twelve Ward officers are now in post and establishing good working relationships with partners local contacts; and

4.2 **DISCUSSED** the recent report on the Evaluation of the Third Sector Interface Network model and Voluntary Action Scotland and **NOTED** that an invitation to submit a formal response to the report would be issued by the Scottish Government. **HIGHLIGHTED** that an early position from TS,D&G and the Strategic Partnership in March 2017 would assist us in the refreshing of the community planning arrangements later this year (following our engagement with members of the CPEG and Strategic Partnership) and the forthcoming Local Government Elections and changes to the Integration Joint Board as a result.

**ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TSD&G**

### **5. DEVELOPING THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOIP AND LOCALITY PLANS**

5.1 **NOTED** the enactment of the community planning sections of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and publication of the Guidance and Regulation for the LOIP and Locality Plans on 20 December 2016; and

5.2 **AGREED** the outline content of the Strategic Partnership Workshop sessions in March, June and September 2016 to deliver our first LOIP and Locality Plans by the due date of 1 October 2017 as follows:

**17 March 2017**

- discussions around key data relating to inequality and socio-economic disadvantage including trend projections with the Council's Ward officers and health and social care officers;
- - presentations/personal testimonies from, and discussions with, key stakeholder groups about their priorities including: Tackling Poverty Working Group(service users, national expert advisers and public/third sector representatives) ; Young People's Champion's Board; and the Equality and Diversity Working Group with expert support from Support Workers and facilitators
- facilitated discussion about the LOIP Outcomes and our approach to Locality Plans.

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- our resources, and how partners are working to make best use of increasingly limited capacity; joint funding for projects; shifting to prevention; monitoring performance of Outcomes
- - feedback from the engagement programme
- facilitated discussion about the LOIP Outcomes and Locality Plans taking into account the resources and feedback from the engagement programme

**15 September**

- presentation and discussion about the final LOIP with refinement of the content.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER****6. RISK REGISTER MONITORING REPORT**

6.1 **APPROVED** the assessments made in the updated Risk Register for Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership **NOTING** that all actions are now complete; and

6.2 **AGREED** a new Risk Register be developed after the agreement of the LOIP

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER****7. EXECUTIVE GROUP FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME****AGREED**

7.1 the outline Work Programme for the Executive Group 2017 as set out in the Appendix with the addition of the Collaboration Project to the March agenda; and the Review and engagement around SFRS Local Plans to the May agenda;

7.2 that the annual performance reports on the Interim LOIP Outcomes should be short and focussed on specific achievements and plans that tackle socio-economic

disadvantage through partnership working rather than an overview of the year's activities;

7.3 that the future model of the CPEG could usefully be problem-solving and best practice discussion sessions around key topics rather than a series of reports; and that the membership should comprise key partners who had a contribution to make to tackling socio-economic disadvantage e.g. Department of Work and Pensions;

**NOTED**

7.4 discussions are taking place at national level around the future need for separate Police and Fire and Rescue Local Plans given the introduction of the LOIP and Locality Plans; and

7.5 a report on the proposed membership and remit of the Public Protection Partnership would be submitted to the February meeting of the Chief Officers Group – People Protection and **AGREED** that CPEG ask it considers the wider community safety agenda being integrated into this new Partnership from the start, to secure a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach to these issues and rationalise the partnership groupings operating in this area.

**ACTION:**

**7.1 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER AND LSO, SFRS**

**7.3 POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ADVISORS/LEAD OFFICERS**

**7.4 LEAD OFFICER PUBLIC PROTECTION MANAGER, DGC**

Item 2 Appendix 2**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY  
COMMUNITY PLANNING EXECUTIVE GROUP****Reports approved by correspondence – 21 April 2017**

1. **DRAFT MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE GROUP OF 25 JANUARY 2017 – APPROVED**  
**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**
2. **EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES - PROGRESS REPORT** - Report dated 12 April 2017 by the Community Engagement Manager

**2.1 NOTED**

2.1 the progress made in the implementation of the Empowering Communities Service Review;

2.2 the conclusion of the work of the Implementation Team;

2.3 aspects of this work as it relates to Community Planning in our region; and

2.4 that the decisions of the Council post Election in relation to its locality decision-making model and the development of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans will have an impact on the arrangements being put in place for community planning locality structures.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

3. **DEVELOPING THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOIP AND LOCALITY PLANS**  
- Report dated 11 April 2017 by the Community Planning and Engagement Manager

**NOTED**

3.1 the work ongoing to develop the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans; and

3.2 the engagement programme and commit officers trained in engagement to assist in its implementation

3.3 **AGREED** to the involvement of relevant officers across partners in the provision of data and information during May-September 2017.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

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**4. ANNUAL REPORT ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP GROUP**

Report dated 7 April 2017 by Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council

4.1 **NOTED** the activity and progress of the Economic Leadership Group.

**ACTION: HEAD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DGC**

**5. EXECUTIVE GROUP FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** - Report dated 12 April 2017 by the Community Planning and Engagement Manager

5.1 **APPROVED** the outline Work Programme for the Executive Group 2017 as set out in the Appendix, with members encouraged to bring forward additional items for the agenda throughout the coming year.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

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## CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE

### 1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Strategic Partnership with an update on seven strategic policy issues to keep members up to date on developments and provide an opportunity to discussion and an exchange of ideas and activity across partners.

### 2. Recommendation

The Strategic Partnership is invited to note the position of seven current key strategic issues.

### 3. Background

3.1 This report on current strategic issues and evidences progress in seven 'foundation' Strategies and Plans:

- Regional Economic Strategy
- Children's Services Plan
- Anti-Poverty Strategy
- Health and Social Care Strategic Plan
- Regional Transport Strategy
- Community Learning and Development Partners' Strategic Plan
- Local Housing Strategy

### 4. Updates

#### 4.1 Regional Economic Strategy (RES) 2016-2020

4.1.1 The RES was agreed by the Economy, Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 12 May 2015 and endorsed by the Strategic Partnership on 19 June 2015.

4.1.2 **Appendix 1** is the current Monitoring Report for the Action Plan.

4.1.3 The Economic Leadership Group had its second meeting on 6 March 2017 and a detailed discussion on the regional priorities took place in line with its remit to oversee the RES.

4.1.4 'The Enterprise and Skills Review Phase 1 published by the Scottish Government on 26 October 2016, contains an Action within it '*Recognising the unique challenges faced in the region, we will create a new vehicle to meet the enterprise and skills needs of the South of Scotland*'. This report and recommendation were referred to at the D&G Economic Leadership Group meeting in March 2017 and will be an ongoing topic at meetings.

**Lead Officer: Ewan Green, Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council.**

## 4.2. Children's Services Plan

4.2.1 The Dumfries and Galloway Children's Services Plan (2017-20) was submitted to the Scottish Government at the beginning of April and we have received acknowledgement.

The Chairs of the five strategic groups are required to report on progress three times each year to the Children's Services Executive Group (CSEG). A reporting calendar and template are currently being agreed for this.

4.2.2 The Children's Services plan has been published on the Council's public website <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/16748/Childrens-Services-Plan>. A draft condensed version for staff has been produced and should be finalised by the end of June. An accessible version for young people and families will also be produced.

**Lead Officer: Colin Grant, Director Children, Young People and Lifelong Learning, Dumfries and Galloway Council**

## 4.3 Tackling Poverty

4.3.1 The first meeting of the Community Planning Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group (TPCG), bringing everyone together (public and third sector representatives, expert advisors and service users) was held on 25 May 2017. Discussion included input to the engagement programme for the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) from the perspective of living in poverty

4.3.2 Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed its 2017/18 budget on 28 February 2017. This budget included the creation of a Local Anti-Poverty Fund of £350,000 to be allocated by local Area Committees to events/activities/projects that help tackle poverty. This has now been disbursed to ensure the monies will make the biggest positive impact on tackling poverty in their respective areas. A comprehensive programme of Breakfast Clubs is also being developed with an allocation of up to £400,000. Finally, the remaining £250,000 balance of funds will be used to support delivery of the agreed Anti-Poverty Strategy outcomes. Fully costed proposals on these will be considered at the next Communities Committee or may be determined using a Participatory Budgeting approach.

4.3.3 The Council's Anti-Poverty Officer is involved with the National Working Group of the Poverty Alliance Challenge Poverty Week (15 – 21 October 2017) to further develop this initiative throughout Scotland. One of the larger events which is proposed to be delivered in our region is the Tackling Poverty Conference scheduled for Monday 16 October 2017. The Anti-Poverty Officer is also liaising with a range of partners to co-ordinate events and activities together with the TPCG to maximise the impact of this week in Dumfries and Galloway.

4.3.4 A programme of "Customer Journeys" have been developed which are intended to better understand the experience of our residents facing poverty and accessing (or not) the services intended to support them. Members of a Tackling Poverty Reference Group have volunteered to undertake these mystery shops and feedback is now being collated to help improve services, influence service re-design and remove barriers to essential support.

4.3.5 Renfrewshire Council's Tackling Poverty Locally conference was held on 7 March 2017 and was attended by the Council's Anti-Poverty Officer. It aimed to learn and build from existing practice. Dumfries & Galloway was highlighted as an exemplar of good practice during the "Solutions for Change" and "Stepping into the Future" sections of the Conference for the work completed to date within the Strategy's Action Plan and particularly in relation to our progressive work with our Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group.

4.3.6 A Child Poverty Bill National Reference Group has been established with the initial meeting held on Monday 10 May 2017. The remit agreed is: 'to support the Scottish Government's Social Justice Strategy Team to develop guidance on the new duty to prepare Local Child Poverty Action Reports in each local authority area by the end of December 2017'. The Group comprises representatives from a cross-section of local authorities, NHS Boards, Scottish Government officials and COSLA. Dumfries and Galloway Council's Anti-Poverty Officer attended.

**Lead Officer: Harry Hay, Head of Customer Services, Communities Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway Council.**

#### 4.4 Health and Social Care Integration

4.4.1 The Chair of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) is now an NHS D&G representative – Penny Halliday. Michelle McCoy of Public Health is now a non-voting member; and DGC representatives are now Cllrs Ian Carruthers; Andy Ferguson, Jane Maitland, Ros Surtees and Tommy Sloan

4.4.2 The last meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Kirkcudbright had on its agenda the IJB Equality and Diversity Outcomes:

EDO 1 – integrated services are better at using the equality monitoring information they collect to provide services that meet individual needs

EDO2 – Integrated services will help to make sure that all different kinds of people feel safe, respected and supported: including staff, patients and visitors

EDO3 – all people no matter their sexuality, gender or sexual expression will experience less unfair treatment

EDO4 – more young people and disabled people will be successfully supported to access workplace opportunities ,reducing barriers so they feel part of the working community.

4.4.3 The Integration Joint Board papers, the latest Integration news, documents and consultations, can be accessed on the Health and Social Care Integration pages of the dg.change website <http://www.dg-change.org.uk/>

**Lead Officer: Julie White, Chief Officer Health and Social Care**

#### 4.5. Regional Transport Strategy

4.5.1 DGC representatives on the Board are now Cllrs Richard Brodie; John Campbell; Jim Dempster; Davie Stitt; and Andrew Wood. The Chair will be appointed at the Board meeting on 14 July 2017.

4.5.2 The development of the draft Main Issues Report for the refresh of the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) will be the subject of a report to the next meeting of the SWestrans Board. The Board will be informed of the necessary stages required to undertake a refresh of the Strategy and will be asked to agree the process and timeline required to ensure a full and robust review which will include consultation with key stakeholders and the public. It is intended that the refresh of the RTS will continue in step with the National Transport Strategy development which in turn will allow SWestrans to present a refreshed RTS shortly after the production of the final NTS.

**Lead Officer: Douglas Kirkpatrick, Transportation Manager**

#### 4.6 Community Learning and Development Partners' Strategic Plan

4.6.1 The Strategic Partnership agreed the Plan at its meeting on 18 September 2015 which requires CLD intervention to improve life chances through learning, personal development and active citizenship; and build stronger communities. An Action Plan was developed to implement the specific Objectives of the Plan

4.6.2 During 2016/17 the Development Group continued to meet – there has been representation from eight partners at five main meetings and one specific policy session on the Council's emerging Strategies on Community Asset Transfer, Community Participation and Engagement; and Volunteers.

4.6.3 The Partners' Year One Action Plan has been reviewed and a draft Year Two Action Plan is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Community Planning Executive Group for scrutiny.

**Lead Officer: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager**

#### 4.7 Local Housing Strategy

Development sub-groups are being established to take forward different aspects of the Strategy. The work will be informed by the presentations and discussion at the workshop on 14 March 2017 which included:

- Community Planning – the focus on socio-economic disadvantage and tackling inequality; engagement; and community empowerment
- Fuel Poverty – Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland Area Based Schemes (HEEPS ABS) and particular issues for rural areas
- Health and Social Care – the role of the Housing Lead Officer; support for vulnerable people; development opportunities; projects in Langholm, Moffat, Annan; and Garrick
- Homelessness and Housing options –homeless application process and management arrangements; links with the Homelessness Strategy and Forum
- Links with the Local Development Plan 2
- Private Sector Housing – empty homes; affordability; landlord registration and Houses of Multiple Occupancy

**Lead Officer: Jim O'Neill, Housing Services Manager**

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**Appendix****Appendix 1** - RES Monitoring Report for the Action Plan.

## Focus on Skills

The skills of the workforce in our region are a key factor in our economic performance and competitiveness. Whilst there is no wholly accurate measure of skills, qualification levels are generally regarded as the best indication. When compared to the Scottish average, the qualifications profile for Dumfries and Galloway shows a smaller percentage of people with higher levels of qualification and a higher percentage with low or no qualifications. In our region the proportion of people of working age who have low or no qualifications is 14.5%; a decline in performance on the previous year and higher than the Scottish average of 11.5%. These figures are reflected in the high proportion of people working in low skilled occupations. This also means that some local businesses find it difficult to recruit people with the skills that they need. Only 32.2% of the region's workforce are educated to NVQ level 4 or above compared to the Scottish average at 42.5%.

The "Benefits of Apprenticeships to Businesses" national study carried out in 2015 found that offering apprenticeships was perceived by two-thirds of the public as contributing to society and providing opportunities for young people, with 5 million consumers more likely to make a purchase from an apprentice employer. Apprenticeships make a vital contribution to the economy, boost business productivity and give people the skills they need to get on in the world of work and in Dumfries and Galloway we are securing record numbers of apprenticeships to tackle skills shortages and to develop the future workforce. Following consultation with employers and national bodies to identify a set of core employment competencies, the Dumfries and Galloway Employability Award has been developed. The Award promotes the attainment of these competencies, underpinned by an achievable and recognised qualification accredited at various SCQF levels and endorsed by the Scottish Chamber of Commerce.

## Enterprise and Skills Review

Economy Secretary Keith Brown updated Scottish Parliament on the progress of the enterprise and skills system review on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. It was felt to be important that the principles of the governance framework were set out in order to enable rapid progress across the whole range of the review.

Phase Two is continuing with a report expected during June.

## Economic Outlook

There continues to be a wide variance in economic forecasts caused, in the main, by political events including the Brexit negotiations and the possibility of a second Scottish independence referendum. Most economists are still predicting slowing growth over the next few years as the impact of the political events is absorbed into the economy.



## Our Key Indicators

Our key indicators currently have baseline data in place. We are governed by the release schedules for these national statistics and there will be a data lag with some data becoming available after the publication of this report. However, we have our baseline figures in place and we know the scale of the tasks that our partners are working towards achieving.

### We will have the highest youth employment rate in Scotland by 2020

JSA only	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>D&amp;G</b>	3.0	2.8				
<b>Rank</b>	20	16				
<b>Scotland</b>	3.2	3.0				

NOMIS

### Business growth in the region has grown faster than in Scotland as a whole between 2016 and 2020

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>D&amp;G</b>	2,728	2,802					
<b>% change</b>	+8.0	+2.7					
<b>Scotland</b>	124,425	127,260					
<b>% change</b>	+5.0	+2.3					

Regional Gross Value Added - Income Approach – published annually by Office for National Statistics (Tables 1 and 4)  
Data for 2016 is provisionally scheduled for release in December 2017.

### We will reduce the wages gap between the regional and national average by 20%

	2015 (revised)	2016 (provisional)	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>D&amp;G</b>	458.2	461.8				
<b>% change</b>	0.1	0.8				
<b>Rank</b>	32	32				
<b>Scotland</b>	527.0	536.6				
<b>% change</b>	1.6	1.8				

Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) – published annually by Office for National Statistics

## DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – FUTURE PROGRAMME

### 1. Purpose of report

This report advises the Strategic Partnership of the arrangements in place for future meetings and events, recognising that there is a forthcoming review of our arrangements.

### 2. Recommendation

The Strategic Partnership is invited to note the reports and issues to be presented to the Strategic Partnership at future meetings

3. The Strategic Partnership has previously agreed that it receives reports as follows:

3.1 Reports on the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Local Plans – this is the key statutory requirement for the Community Planning Partnership and features on every agenda and/or associated Workshop

3.2 Executive Group Briefing – this is a synopsis of the issues dealt with by the Executive Group between Strategic Partnership meetings and focuses on:

- the annual scrutiny of the Lead Officers responsible for the performance of the Outcomes in the Interim Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP); partnerships that contribute to the LOIP; and the Community Planning three Workshop Groups
- the Community Planning Improvement Plan, which ensures that our arrangements and activities embody best practice and are updated where required; and
- advice to the Strategic Partnership on any new and emerging issues.

The full Minutes of the Executive Group meetings are also provided.

3.3 Current key issues updates – this is an update from the Lead Officers for the seven Strategic and Plans which contribute to the LOIP and their related decision-making body.

3.4 Community Justice – as of 1 April 2017, Community Planning Partnerships are responsible for the planning and monitoring of community justice arrangements in their area and reports will therefore be presented on a regular basis about the Community Justice Plan and arrangements.

3.5 Other reports to the Strategic Partnership are submitted as and when required – partners are encouraged to identify and submit reports for discussion and input across the partners.

3.6 The current programme of reports for 2017 is attached as **Appendix 1**

4. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 contains within it a change to the responsibilities of the statutory partners, with Councils, NHS, Scottish Enterprise, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service now having the same responsibility and Third Sector Interfaces named in the Guidance as having a key role to play also. Discussions are therefore taking place at national and local level about the implications of this and what changes should be implemented. Our emerging model is attached as **Appendix 2**.

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**Appendices**

Appendix 1 – future programme of reports

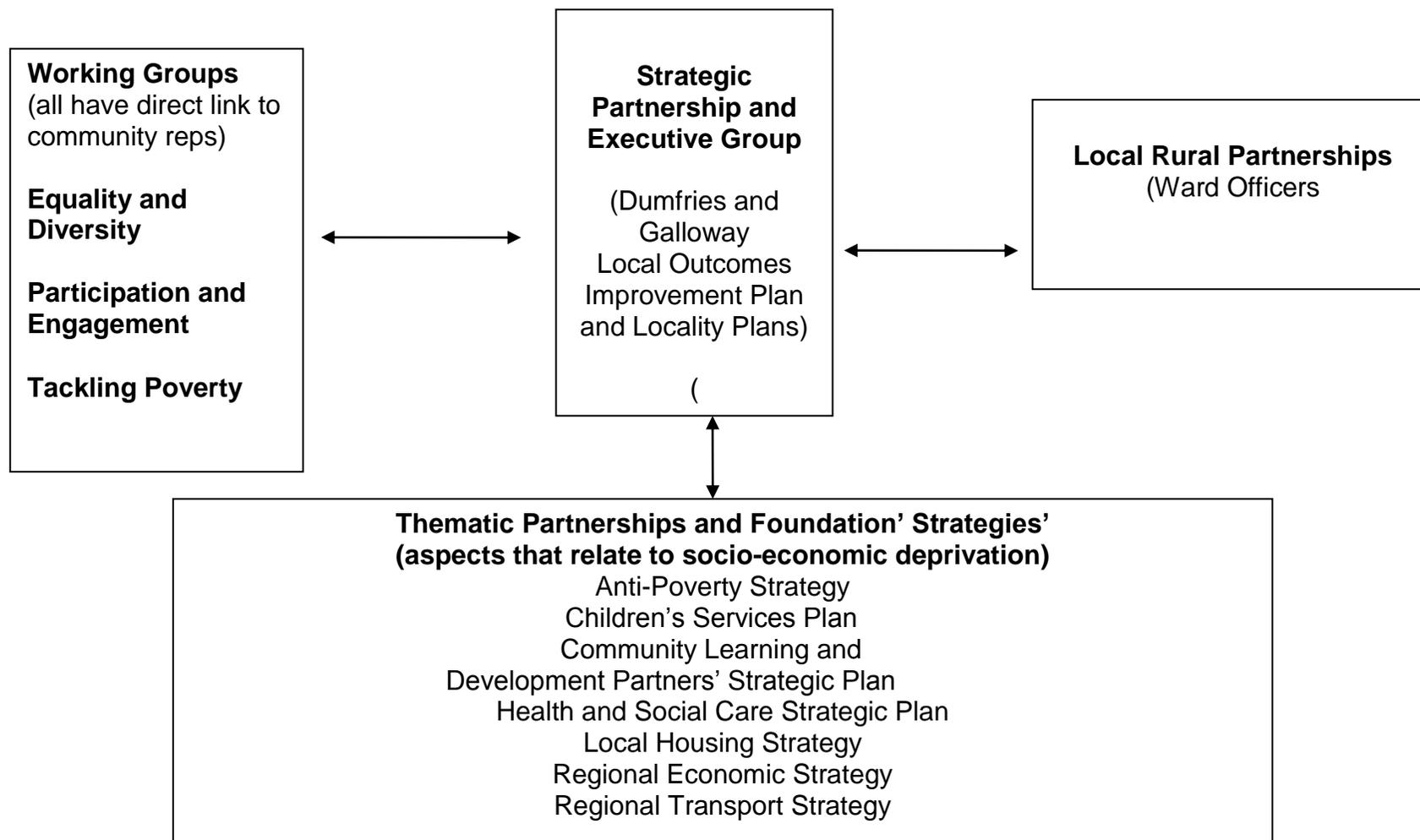
Appendix 2 – emerging model

**Item 4 Appendix 1**

<b>As at 26 May 2017</b>	<b>Strategic Partnership Work Programme 2017</b>
Friday 15 September 2017	Executive Group Business Briefing Current Key Strategic Issues Interim LOIP 2016/17 (to 31 March 2017) end of year performance report. Agreement of Dumfries and Galloway LOIP and Locality Plans Community Justice – progress report Future arrangements for Strategic Partnership and Executive Group
Friday 17 November 2017	Executive Group Business Briefing Current Key Strategic Issues LOIP – Six month performance report (to 30 September 2017) Review of Locality Partnerships

Note: the current Key Strategic Issues report covers:

- Regional Economic Strategy (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Children's Services Plan (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Anti-Poverty Strategy (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Health and Social Care Strategic Plan (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Regional Transport Strategy
- Community Learning and Development Partners' Strategic Plan
- Local Housing Strategy





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Dear **Strategic Partner**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is seeking your views on our draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2017 for Dumfries and Galloway. This is a critical milestone in our sustained development of local service delivery. Through our plans we will ensure that we, together with our partners, continue to address the unique needs of Scotland's communities, improving safety both now and in the future.

Recently, we carried out a review of our local service delivery activities. The findings of the data we looked at and the views we listened to have been collated into a Review Report. This has helped shape the priorities for a new Local Fire and Rescue Plan, specifically tailored for Dumfries and Galloway.

As a key stakeholder, we would like to hear your views on our draft Plan. Your views enable us to fully understand your expectations and help us to continuously develop and improve the services we provide.

Providing feedback is easy. You can complete our short consultation survey online at <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com> from Monday 19 June 2017. You can also access a copy of the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2017 and the recent Review Report.

The consultation is open for 12 weeks, closing on 3 September 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hamish McGhie'.

**Hamish McGhie**  
**Local Senior Officer**  
**Dumfries and Galloway**



## SUMMARY OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN 2017

### WHAT ARE WE SEEKING TO DO?

#### 1. Domestic Fire Safety

- Reduce accidental dwelling fires and related injuries in the home and monitor our progress in promoting our domestic safety strategy

- *Benefits; we will be able to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents, support independent living of vulnerable people, reduce social and economic cost of fires and fire related injuries and reduce demand on the SFRS allowing us to deploy our resources where we are needed most.*

#### 2. Unintentional Harm and Injury

- Reduce the impact of unintentional injury and harm and monitor the effectiveness of our intervention strategies

- *Benefits; we will be able to reduce the social and economic cost of unintentional harm and injury, support independent living of vulnerable people and we will be able to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents.*

#### 3. Deliberate Fire Setting

- Reduce the instances of fire related anti-social behaviour and monitor the effectiveness of reducing fire related anti-social behaviour

- *Benefits; we will be able to divert resources to other community activities, protect the natural and built environment, promote active and responsible citizenship in our communities and assist our communities to feel safe and free from crime, disorder and danger.*

#### 4. Non-Domestic Fire Safety

- Reduce the instances of fires within non-domestic property and monitor the effectiveness of reducing fires in non-domestic premises

- *Benefits; we will be able to enable the industrial, commercial and service sector to maintain business continuity and employment across the area, reduce the potential for loss of life and injury, protect the areas culture and heritage and reduce the impact of fires on our community.*

#### 5. Unwanted Fire Alarms

- Reduce the instances of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and monitor the effectiveness of mobilising to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

- *Benefits; we will be able to Minimise the disruption to business and service continuity across Dumfries and Galloway, Increase the capacity of the fire and rescue service to carry out other activities and reduce the risk to the public and Firefighters attending Unwanted fire alarm signals*

#### 6. Operational Resilience and Preparedness

- Ensure operational response and preparedness within Dumfries and Galloway is maintained

- *Benefits; we will be able to provide a risk based response to a variety of incidents and deploy firefighters with the appropriate skills knowledge and operational information to ensure their safety and the safety of members of the public.*

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# LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

2017



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## Introduction

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dumfries and Galloway. This Plan has been developed to support the delivery of agreed local outcomes for Dumfries and Galloway's communities in conjunction with the national priorities contained within the SFRS Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019. With the ambition of working in partnership to improving community safety, enhancing the well-being of those living or resorting to Dumfries and Galloway whilst tackling issues of social inequality, this Plan will set out our priorities in order to support this ambition.

The demands placed upon the SFRS to respond to a wide variety of incidents challenges us to ensure our personnel acquire and maintain a range of skills to enable our ability to respond to emergencies. Through the identification and the management of risks within the area we will continue to prepare for these responses, however we recognise on many occasions this demand can be reduced through effective engagement and intervention measures.

We recognise as a public service organisation and as a member of the community planning partnership, the demographics of our society is changing which will challenge us to continually improve on how we deliver our services to our communities. Our plan will therefore seek to focus on those areas of demand to maximise the potential to work in partnership and by using our capacity more effectively and innovatively to ensure we direct our resources to the point of need within our communities to protect those most at risk from harm.

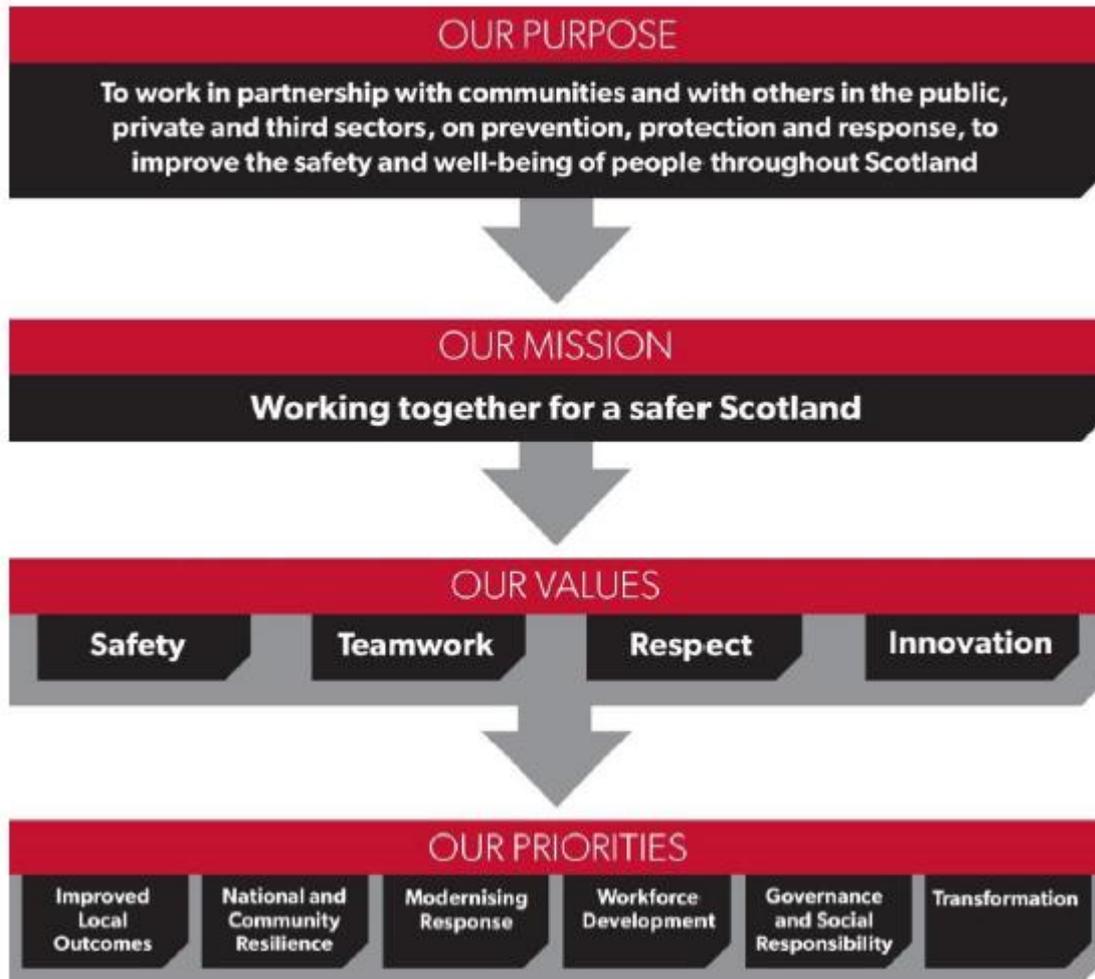
As the SFRS continues to evolve we will seek to play a key part in public service reform and identify new opportunities to broaden our role within society to ensure as a modern Fire and Rescue Service, we continue to protect Dumfries and Galloway's communities. This Local Fire and Rescue Plan in conjunction with the statutory responsibilities placed upon the SFRS will be used as a driver to build upon our existing partnership arrangements in Dumfries and Galloway whilst seeking to foster new relationships to support the Service's mission of "Working Together for a Safer Scotland".

**Hamish McGhie**  
**Local Senior Officer**

## National Context

Scottish Ministers set out the specific expectations for the SFRS in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2016. This provides the outline we should follow to ensure our resources and activities are aligned with the Scottish Government's purpose and National outcomes.

Our Strategic Plan 2016 – 19 has been designed to meet these national expectations. Set against a complex and evolving backdrop our Strategic Plan encapsulates our mission, values and strategic priorities.



These have been shaped with due regard to the challenges we face and to what we need to achieve to be a highly effective, sustainable public service. Operating within a climate of significant financial uncertainty and public service reform means we need to transform how we operate. This will particularly include how we prepare for and respond to changing societal needs, the impact of climate change and the thread of terrorism.

Strong leadership, supported by sound governance and management arrangements are at the very core of our foundations. These arrangements will direct and provide assurance that we comply with our statutory responsibilities. In addition, they will provide Local Senior Officers with supporting mechanism to deliver services specifically tailored to local needs.

## Local Context

The current population of Dumfries and Galloway, which is approximately 149,500 and constitutes 2.8% of the total number of persons living in Scotland, is predicted to decrease by \*2% by the year 2025 (\*percentage change from baseline year total for 2014).

However, during this same period the demographical aspect of the area suggests a projected significant increase in elderly residents by 31.6% for persons over the age of 75 whilst the number of people of working age and young persons are projected to fall by 7.5%.



To enable the SFRS to plan and deliver on a proactive and reactive basis, it is important to understand where and how demand for fire and rescue resources may arise in the short, medium and longer term. As a local authority area, Dumfries and Galloway is constituted by 12 multi-member electoral wards covering a range of diverse urban and rural communities over approximately 6,426 square kilometres. Emergency response within the local authority area is provided from 17 locations comprising of one Wholetime station (permanently crewed) and 16 stations which operate on an 'On Call' basis.

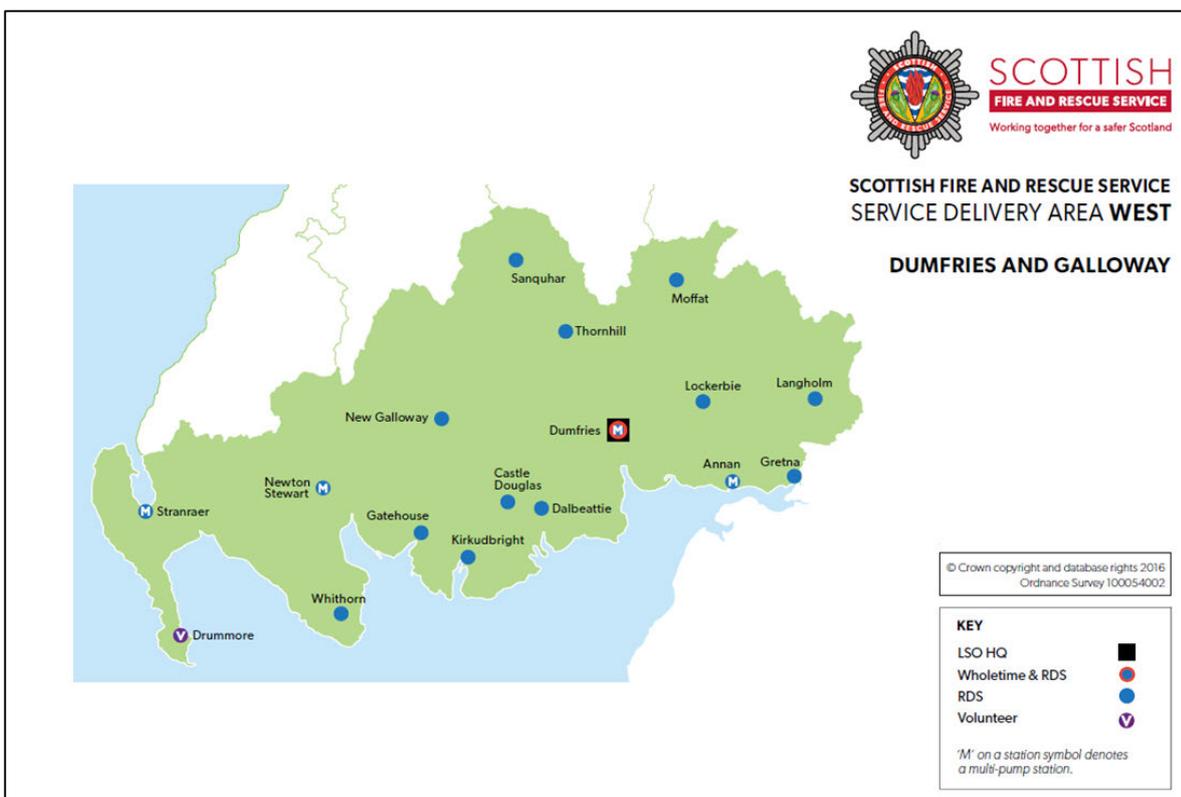
Review of operational activity across Dumfries and Galloway indicates an upward trend in overall activity levels over the last four years. In terms of fire related activity, accidental dwelling fires have shown a sharp downward trend with these fires accounting for only one third of the total number of the same fires two years ago. The provision of early warning, community engagement and the majority of incidents being dealt with in their initial stages has reduced the severity of fires within the home. The protection of, and engagement with our most vulnerable members has also been key to these reductions.

Fire fatality rates within Dumfries and Galloway are extremely low with slight fluctuations shown each year. The number of slight and serious fire casualties who are required to attend hospital due to their

injuries shows a substantial downward trend over the last four years with the majority having been deemed to have sustained only slight injuries.

Deliberate fire setting on average accounts for 1 in 4 of all fire related activity within Dumfries and Galloway. Figures indicate that although deliberate fires often fluctuate, these figures remain similar to those from previous years. Analysis identifies deliberate fire setting occurring on an ongoing basis with peaks identified during the spring period and November each year.

Whilst attendances at non-fire related emergencies on average account for around 1 in every 5 operational mobilisations and are slightly less than the number of fire related incidents, the number of fatalities and casualties are notably higher than fire related injuries (fatal and non-fatal). Whilst the majority of non-fire emergency casualties (fatal and non-fatal) are as a result of road traffic collisions within Dumfries and Galloway, another emerging trend has been identified in those persons requiring assistance from other organisations. This results in support being requested from the SFRS in the form of forcing entry into premises to render assistance to occupants or the provision of first responder (medical) assistance.



Whilst many incidents within Dumfries and Galloway are as a result of a confirmed genuine emergency, on average more than half of emergency responses made by the SFRS turn out to be false alarms. The growth in response to false alarms over the last two years can be attributed to the change in procedures following the merger of operational fire controls. These alarms may be as a result of a genuine belief that a fire is occurring which subsequently is confirmed not to be the case or through malicious activity resulting in a report of fire being made knowing this report is false in its nature. There are also a number of warnings of fire generated by the fire alarm systems which, following an attendance and investigation, turn out to be false in their origin. Currently attendances to premises which generate these false signals account on average for a quarter of all emergency responses within Dumfries and Galloway resulting in disruption to those within the premises in which the alarm activates and also to the SFRS who, on many occasions, are diverted from other activities to attend these incidents.

Reducing service demand, whilst developing the role of the SFRS as part of the ongoing process of public service reform, presents both challenges and opportunities for us to become more integrated in the community planning partnership environment. The recent introduction of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 will result in the development of Dumfries and Galloways Local Outcome Improvement Plan through a process of locality planning which is designated to deliver local outcomes that make a positive contribution across Dumfries and Galloway's communities and reduce inequalities. In developing this Local Fire and Rescue Plan, the SFRS will seek to ensure its activities compliment and support the locality planning process. With the development of the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP) within Dumfries and Galloway following the introduction of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, the SFRS will ensure, as a partner within the Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership, its resources contribute to support the delivery of the CJOIP.

The delivery of shared outcomes is embedded within Dumfries and Galloway through its range of community planning approaches. Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership is committed to the delivery of its vision of "*working together to create an ambitious, prosperous and confident Dumfries and Galloway where people achieve their potential*".

Through the development of the partnerships Community Plan key strategic priorities and ambitions, we will provide a good start in life for all our children, prepare our young people for adulthood and employment and, care for our older and vulnerable people. We will also support and stimulate our local economy, protect and sustain our environment whilst maintaining the safety and security of our region.

The SFRS takes an active role in the delivery of these priorities and their intended outcomes through participation and engagement across the partnership arena. Supporting the delivery of Anti-Social Behaviour, Adult and Child Protection, Health and Social Care including Alcohol and Drug strategies are examples of where the SFRS can collaborate in the delivery of these priorities at a local level whilst pursuing the key priorities of this Local Fire and Rescue Plan.

Overseeing the performance of the SFRS at local level is the responsibility of the Dumfries and Galloway Police and Fire Sub Committee. Within this forum the Sub Committee undertakes the process of scrutiny to monitor against the priorities within Dumfries and Galloway's Local Fire and Rescue Plan and also engages with the Local Senior Officer in matters arising on a regional or national basis.

## Local Priorities

### 1. Domestic Fire Safety

Fire safety within the home is a key prevention strategy for the SFRS as the consequence of fires within the home can result in a range of impacts on individuals, families, social landlords and communities. For organisations the requirement to respond, intervene and deal with the aftermath of domestic fires places demand on its resources. To reduce this demand, it is essential approaches to prevention are evidence based in order to maximise and focus resources to make the biggest impact to safeguard those most at risk of fire.

Analysis of accidental dwelling fire data identifies cooking as the most common cause of fires within the home in Dumfries and Galloway and also the most prevalent cause where fire related injuries are sustained by occupants. Distraction has been identified as the main contributory factor where accidental dwelling fires and/or injuries occur. Those who are deemed at risk from fire may also have other vulnerabilities and impairments due to age, health or mobility reasons and they may also be receiving support from other partners. The scope therefore exists to work more closely together to protect those most at risk from fire through effective information sharing.

In order to reduce the potential for fires from occurring, influencing positive change in occupant behaviours through raising fire safety awareness will be at the forefront of our preventative activities. By increasing the ownership of working smoke detection, the means of giving early warning of fire will also contribute to mitigating the severity of fires and fire related injuries within the home. By using assistive technology such as 'Telecare', the opportunity exists to further enhance the safety of those who are at risk from fire.

**We will seek to reduce accidental dwelling fires and fire related injuries within the home by:**

- Promoting and undertaking Home Fire Safety Visits to those deemed at risk from fire.
- Working with our partners in Dumfries and Galloway to share information where fire risks within the home have been identified and to provide solutions to protect those who are at risk.
- Focusing engagement activities in those areas where Service demand has been identified.
- Supporting the provision of assistive technology within the home to increase occupant safety.

**We will monitor our progress in promoting our domestic safety strategy by:**

- Reviewing the number of accidental dwelling fires and their severity.
- Reviewing the number and the severity of fatal and non-fatal fire related injuries.
- Increasing the presence of working smoke/heat detection within homes affected by fire.

**By achieving a reduction in the frequency and severity of accidental dwelling fires and fire related injuries we will:**

- Support the safety and wellbeing of Dumfries and Galloway residents.
- Support the independent living of vulnerable members within our communities.
- Reduce the social and economic cost of fires and fire related injuries.
- Reduce demand on the SFRS and its partners.

## 2. Unintentional Harm and Injury

It is not uncommon for those at risk from fire to also be at risk from other injuries within the home, in particular from injuries arising from slips, trips and falls. Requests to the SFRS to provide assistance directly through a first responder role or to provide support to other agencies are increasing. Analysis of data indicates falls are a common cause of accidental deaths and injuries and account for a significant proportion of admissions to hospital. Those persons injured through falls may often be affected by other medical conditions such as dementia. The SFRS has a role to play in contributing to the protection of those at risk from injury and harm within the home. Through operational attendances and delivery of home fire safety visits, we have the opportunity to identify those at risk and through an assessment of such risk, refer individuals to partner organisations for additional support.

Out of the domestic environment, the SFRS respond to a range of non-fire related emergencies. The most common incident of this type within Dumfries and Galloway is attendances at Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) which results in the majority of non-fire related injuries. Responding to RTCs is a statutory duty for the SFRS, however a collective approach is required amongst community planning partners to support risk reduction measures. As a partner, the SFRS will support the education of young drivers who are considered to be an 'at risk' group and support other initiatives intended to reduce the instances and impact of RTCs within Dumfries and Galloway.

### **We will seek to reduce the impact of unintentional injury and harm by:**

- *Utilising our Home Fire Safety Visit programme to assess for non-fire related risk and refer those deemed at risk from injury and harm to partners to provide additional support.*
- *Raising awareness of fire and rescue service personnel as to those factors that increase the risk of unintentional injury or harm.*
- *Working in partnership to deliver targeted road safety programmes to young drivers.*
- *Focusing resources where demand has been identified and deliver key safety messages.*

### **We will monitor the effectiveness of our intervention strategies by:**

- *Reviewing the number of requests for assistance from other agencies and for the provision of medical and first responder support.*
- *Reviewing the number of attendees at RTCs and the frequency and severity of injuries arising from RTCs.*
- *Reviewing the number of other non-fire related emergencies and the frequency and severity of injuries arising from these incidents.*

### **By achieving a reduction in the frequency and severity of unintentional harm and injuries we will:**

- *Reduce the social and economic cost of unintentional harm and injury.*
- *Support vulnerable members within our communities to live independently within their communities.*
- *Ensure the safety and wellbeing of those living, working and visiting Dumfries and Galloway*

### **3. Deliberate Fire Setting**

Deliberate fire setting accounts for a significant number of operational incidents with Dumfries and Galloway and takes various forms. Whilst a small proportion involves occupied buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures (primary fires), the majority of deliberate fires are classed as secondary in nature and on most occasions occur in outdoor locations.

Analysis of incident data identifies deliberate secondary fires occurring throughout the year, however peak activity is noted in the spring time, during the bonfire season and when prolonged periods of dry weather arise. Deliberate fire setting is regarded as anti-social behaviour and is also criminal in nature. These acts can lead to serious consequences such as personal injury, damage to property and the environment. Dealing with instances of deliberate fire setting also diverts fire and rescue resources from other meaningful activities.

Working in partnership, we will seek to combine our information to identify those parts of our communities that are being affected by anti-social behaviour in order to reduce such instances whilst tackling the underlying causes of such behaviour. On some occasions the SFRS will work with Police Scotland to investigate deliberate fire setting to determine the cause and if possible those responsible for such acts. Diversionary and engagement activity is regarded as an important approach in tackling anti-social behaviour and will continue to be part of our approach to raise awareness of the impact of this unwanted activity.

#### **We will seek to reduce the instances of fire related anti-social behaviour by:**

- *Identifying those parts of Dumfries and Galloway's communities affected by deliberate fire setting to share this information with our partners.*
- *Utilising our Young Firefighters, Fire Reach, Firesetters and school's education programmes to raise awareness of the impact of fire related anti-social behaviour.*
- *Working with partners to develop joint strategies to reduce the risk posed by deliberate fire setting and to mitigate its impacts.*

#### **We will monitor the effectiveness of reducing fire related anti-social behaviour by:**

- *Reviewing the number and type of deliberate fire setting incidents within Dumfries and Galloway.*
- *Evaluating the effectiveness of our young engagement programmes.*

#### **By achieving a reduction in fire related anti-social behaviour we will:**

- *Enable the SFRS to divert its resources towards other community based activities.*
- *Protect the natural and built environment.*
- *Support the promotion of active and responsible citizenship across Dumfries and Galloway's communities.*
- *Support our communities in feeling safe from crime, disorder and danger.*

#### **4. Non-Domestic Fire Safety**

In general, all workplaces and businesses are classed as non-domestic premises and as such come within the scope of Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) which places duties on persons responsible for these premises to comply with the Act and its associated regulations. The SFRS has a statutory duty to promote fire safety and where required enforce compliance with fire safety legislation. To discharge this duty and to secure compliance, the SFRS has adopted an approach utilising advice, education and where required formal enforcement powers.

Given the variety of premises which come within the scope of the Act, the SFRS has developed a fire safety enforcement framework which is based on the principal of risk combined with historical fire data across occupancy groups to create the fire safety audit programme. Those premises which present a higher degree of risk from fire are subject to regular fire safety audits to verify compliance.

The impact of fire can have a devastating impact on business, employment, the provision of critical services and also our heritage. Evidence suggests that premises affected by a serious fire experience a high failure rate. The SFRS will undertake its audit programme to support Dumfries and Galloway's ambition to grow its economy during this challenging period of economic recovery and seek to safeguard its culture, heritage and continuation of employment opportunities.

##### **We will seek to reduce the instances of fires within non-domestic property by:**

- Undertaking our fire safety audit programme in accordance with the SFRS Enforcement Framework.
- Engaging with duty holders to promote responsible fire safety management of premises that come under the auspices of Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005.
- Working in partnership to ensure the appropriate provision of fire safety standards are incorporated in new premises under construction or premises undergoing material changes.
- Working in partnership with other enforcement agencies and organisations to support legislative compliance.

##### **We will monitor the effectiveness of reducing fires in non-domestic premises by:**

- Reviewing the number of fires in non-domestic premises and the type of premises involved in fire.
- Reviewing the number and types of fire safety audits carried out across Dumfries and Galloway.
- Reviewing the outcome of fire safety audits carried out in non-domestic premises.

##### **By achieving a reduction in fires within non-domestic premises we will:**

- Enable the industrial, commercial and service sector to maintain business continuity and employment across Dumfries and Galloway.
- Reduce the potential for loss of life and injury.
- Protect Dumfries and Galloway's culture and heritage.
- Protect the natural and built environment and reduce the impact of fire on our communities.

## 5. Unwanted Fire Alarms

Fire protection within premises can be viewed as a holistic approach for the purposes of safeguarding life and/or property by inhibiting, growth and spread of fire. The design and use of premises will influence the extent of the fire protection required to be incorporated within it. In developing a fire protection strategy for the various premises types and for that strategy to be successful, a key component is the provision of early warning of fire. The provision of early warning enables those within premises sufficient time for them to exit the building to a place of safety in the event of fire.

Whilst a small number of fire alarm signals generated are due to confirmed fire conditions being present, there are an even greater number of signals generated which when investigated have occurred when no fire conditions have been present. On such occasions these are known as 'Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals' (UFAS) and is defined as 'an event which has required an operational attendance by the fire and rescue service due to the unwanted actuation of a fire alarm system'. On these instances the signal may originate from a monitoring/call centre as a result of an automatic activation of the fire alarm system or a person activating the fire alarm system either maliciously or with good intentions believing a fire was occurring within a non-domestic premises.

The impact of responding to UFAS incidents causes disruption to the premises working environment and to the range of activities the SFRS undertake. Unnecessary blue light journeys also create additional risks and hazards to firefighters and to the public whilst responding to UFAS incidents and also have a detrimental impact on the environment through additional carbon emissions. Active and positive engagement with occupiers to take responsibility in limiting the number of UFAS incidents within their premises is integral to reducing these impacts.

### **We will seek to reduce the instances of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by:**

- *Investigating every cause of alarm and engaging with those responsible for fire warning systems following an operational attendance at a UFAS incident.*
- *Analysing our UFAS attendances at those premises that give cause to frequent generation of false alarms to identify trends and support occupiers to develop demand reduction plans.*
- *Instigating where required, formal fire safety enforcement measures to ensure appropriate demand reduction action is taken by those responsible for premises generating unacceptable levels of false alarms.*

### **We will monitor the effectiveness of mobilising to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by:**

- *Reviewing the number of attendances at non-domestic premises and the type of premises generating unwanted false alarm signals across Dumfries and Galloway.*
- *Evaluating the outcomes of occupier's demand reduction plans to review progress and identify and share good practice.*
- *Reviewing our attendances at UFAS incidents to ensure our attendances are based on an assessment of risk and demand.*

### **By achieving a reduction in Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals we will:**

- *Minimise the disruption to business and service continuity across Dumfries and Galloway.*
- *Increase the capacity of the fire and rescue service to carry out other activities.*
- *Reduce the risk to firefighters and public whilst responding to UFAS incidents.*

## 6. Operational Resilience and Preparedness

The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Fire (Additional Function) (Scotland) Order 2005 defines the duties and responsibilities for the SFRS in relation to responding to emergencies. It is essential our firefighters possess the skills, knowledge and expertise to respond to incidents which, by their nature, can be varied in both their type and complexity.

It is important our firefighters understand the risks across their communities to ensure the level of risk is matched by an appropriate level of operational response. In gathering this knowledge, appropriate training can be carried out to safeguard firefighter safety and to ensure any such response results in an effective and efficient deployment of our resources.

Emergency responses across Dumfries and Galloway includes firefighters operating within the Retained Duty System (RDS). Working within this duty system our RDS firefighters respond from home and/or primary work locations and is based on an 'On-Call' provision. Given the dynamic nature of this duty system and to support a balance between primary, personal and firefighting commitments, each RDS Station requires a sufficient number of RDS firefighters to ensure this vital resource is available when required.

There will also be occasions whereby the nature of an emergency will require a combined response by emergency services and other organisations to deal with such a major event. To ensure a co-ordinated response occurs, additional duties are placed upon the SFRS under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to prepare and be able to respond to deal with major emergencies. The scope of such preparations may include responding to adverse weather events, natural disasters, pandemics, chemical incidents or major transport incidents. The threat of terrorism also compels the SFRS to ensure it can also respond alongside other partner agencies should such an event occur.

As an emergency responder, the SFRS needs to ensure it has the capability and the capacity to plan, prepare and respond to major emergencies. Working in partnership at a local and national level, the multi-agency approach requires a joint approach to assess these risks in order to develop appropriate response plans. Following their development, these plans require to be tested to support a return to normality when a significant event and subsequent disruption arises.

We recognise the potential for the role of the SFRS to evolve which provides scope to further protect those members of our communities from harm in the event of an emergency. Assisting other agencies in emergency situations, such as responding to 'Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests' is one example where resources can be combined to maximise the potential for positive outcomes for those requiring assistance. Outwith emergency responses the opportunity also exists to promote and support community resilience to improve the survivability rates from cardiac arrests through active engagement and education across Dumfries and Galloway communities.

**We will seek to ensure operational response and preparedness within Dumfries and Galloway is maintained by:**

- *Identifying and assessing the risk to our communities through Operational Intelligence gathering.*
- *Undertaking planned training events to support the acquisition and maintenance of skills to provide the capability to respond to emergency incidents.*
- *Continuing with RDS firefighter recruitment campaigns to support operational responses across Dumfries and Galloway.*
- *Reviewing our operational responses to incidents to ensure ongoing firefighter safety and to ensure the ongoing protection our communities from harm.*
- *Working together in partnership to plan, prepare and test our responses to major emergencies.*
- *Supporting and promoting the reduction of harm from 'Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests'*

## Review

To ensure this Local Fire and Rescue Plan remains flexible to emerging local or national priorities a review may be carried out at any time but will be reviewed at least once every three years. A review may also be carried out if the Scottish Minister directs it or if a new Strategic Plan is approved. Following a review, the Local Senior Officer may revise the Plan.

## Tell us what you think

This draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan sets out what our broad ambitions will be on behalf of the people of our area. It sets our local direction for the SFRS and it will determine the details contained in all our other plans for that period.

We would like you to tell us what you think of our plan. The formal consultation for this draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan opens on 19th June 2017 and will run until 3rd September 2017. To ensure we review and manage all responses consistently you are invited to provide comment in our online survey. This can be accessed at [firescotland.citizenspace.com](http://firescotland.citizenspace.com). After the consultation is closed we will publish the results.

If you cannot access our online survey, or if you would like more information about the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in your area you can:

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### **WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) AND LOCALITY PLANS**

**Friday 16 June 2016  
11.00am - 1.00pm  
Lecture Theatre, Garroch Loaning, Dumfries**

#### **Workshop Objectives**

- to develop a shared understanding of the requirements for the Dumfries and Galloway Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (D&G LOIP) and the Locality Plans
- agree the draft Outcomes as the basis of our engagement
- to develop our approach to Locality Plans
- to agree the engagement arrangements for the development of our LOIP and Locality Plans
- to identify any further information and data needs



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#### Programme

Tea and coffee available from 10.45am and throughout the Workshop

- 11.00am     **Introduction and welcome**  
Derek Crichton, Director Communities, Dumfries and Galloway Council
- 11.10am     **Developing the Dumfries and Galloway Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans- key messages from our pre-consultation work for the Engagement Programme**  
Kirsty Peden, Community Engagement Manager
- 11.20am     **Discussion on key issues** - All members will be allocated an initial group and can remain there or move around all four Groups, joining in the discussion and sharing ideas and experience.
- Group 1 - Are these the right draft Outcomes to engage people?**  
Facilitator – Liz Manson
- Group 2 - Are these the right ways to engage people?**  
Facilitator – Kirsty Peden
- Group 3 – Do we have enough/the right evidence?**  
Facilitator – Colin Freeman
- Group 4 – what communities do we want to focus our Locality Plans on?**  
Facilitator – Jamie Ferguson
- 12.20pm     **Feedback from the Groups and agreement of key issues**
- 12.50pm     **Closing remarks and next steps**  
Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager
- 1.00pm      **Close and buffet lunch in the Ailsa Room**



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#### Invitees

##### Strategic Partnership

Cllr Elaine Murray	Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC)
Cllr Rob Davidson	DGC
Cllr Archie Dryburgh	DGC
Cllr Jane Maitland	DGC
Conservative Group rep	DGC
Gavin Stevenson	DGC
Brian Johnstone	Further and Higher Education Sector
David McMillan	Housing Sector
Philip Jones	NHS Dumfries and Galloway (D&G)
Jeff Ace	NHS D&G
Gary Ritchie	Police Scotland
Alistair McKinnon	Scottish Enterprise
Hamish McGhie	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Colin Cook	Scottish Government
David Bryson	SWestrans
Sue Irving	Third Sector
Robin Wishart	Third Sector

##### Additional Invitees

Claire Brown	Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway
Hazel Mathieson	Skills Development Scotland
Carol Turnbull	Dumfries and Galloway College
Michele McCoy	NHS D&G
Steve Rogers	Planning and Regulatory Services, DGC
Julie White	Chief Officer Health and Social Care
Vikki Binnie	Community Justice, DGC

### **Chairs of Thematic Partnerships and Working Groups**

Colin Grant	Children's Services Executive Group
Moray Mackenzie	Economic Leadership Group
Penny Halliday	Integration Joint Board
Frank Smith	Equality and Diversity Working Group
Steven Jack	Chair, CLD Partnership
Kirsty Peden	Interim Chair, Participation and Engagement Working Group
Wendy Jesson	Interim Chair, Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group
Jamie Ferguson Karen Lewis Sharon Walker vacancy	Chairs of Local Rural Partnerships: Annandale and Eskdale Nithsdale Stewartry Wigtown

### **Community representatives**

Representatives from the Equality and Diversity Working Group
Representatives from the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group
Representatives from the Participation and Engagement Network
Representatives from Listen2Us and Youth Groups?

## ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) and LOCALITY PLANS April – October 2017

	Actions	Sept -Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sept 2017
1	Pre consultation including Place Standard information gathered for the Local Development Plan											
2	Participation and Engagement (PE) Working Group (WG) established											
3	Inter-agency Consultation Institute Training (20 officers on each Programme)											
4	Pre consultation with Tackling Poverty and Equality and Diversity WGs and Participation and Engagement Network											
5	Report on findings to Executive Group and Strategic Partnership											
6	Communicate the Engagement Programme											
7	Undertake 7 week engagement programme (after the SP meeting on 17 June 2017)											
8	Analysis by PEWG											
9	LOIP and Locality Plans agreed by Strategic Partnership											

### Notes

Preparatory work

**Engagement activity**  
**Analysis and reporting**  
**Decision making**

**(5)** The reporting to the Strategic Partnership on 17 June will be one aspect of the Workshop which will also see discussions about the Evidence and draft Outcomes from the initial work around the 'foundation' Strategies for the Interim LOIP. Members of the Tackling Poverty and Equality and Diversity Working Groups and Participation and Engagement Network will also participate.

**(7) 7 Week Engagement Programme**

The primary approach will be for trained staff across all the partners to speak to people at scheduled events and meetings within public, third sector and private organisations; and also to lead convened sessions for people at higher risk of socio-economic disadvantage, drawing on the proposals from the pre-consultation work with the Tackling Poverty Working Group; the Equality and Diversity Working Group and the Participation and Engagement Network.

There will also be an online survey, available in hard copy in libraries and partners offices across the region.

**(9)** The LOIP and Locality Plans have to be agreed by 1 October 2017. However there is a scheduled Strategic Partnership on Friday 15 September 2017 and the programme is arranged to agree the Plans at this meeting. Individual partners' governance arrangements or preferences may mean the Plans are endorsed after the Strategic Partnership has agreed it.

Extract from the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015  
LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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- (1) Each community planning partnership must prepare and publish a local outcomes improvement plan.
- (2) A local outcomes improvement plan is a plan setting out—
- (a) local outcomes to which priority is to be given by the community planning partnership with a view to improving the achievement of the outcomes,
  - (b) a description of the proposed improvement in the achievement of the outcomes,
  - (c) the period within which the proposed improvement is to be achieved, and
  - (d) a description of the needs and circumstances of persons residing in the area of the local authority to which the plan relates.
- (3) In preparing a local outcomes improvement plan, a community planning partnership must consult—
- (a) such community bodies as it considers appropriate, and
  - (b) such other persons as it considers appropriate.
- (4) Before publishing a local outcomes improvement plan, the community planning partnership must take account of—
- (a) any representations received by it by virtue of subsection (3), and
  - (b) the needs and circumstances of persons residing in the area of the local authority to which the plan relates.

Local outcomes improvement plan: review

- (1) Each community planning partnership must keep under review the question of whether it is making progress in improving the achievement of each local outcome referred to in section 6(2)(a).
- (2) Each community planning partnership—
- (a) must from time to time review the local outcomes improvement plan published by it under section 6,
  - (b) may, following such a review, revise the plan.

- (3) Subsections (3) and (4) of section 6 apply in relation to a local outcomes improvement plan revised under subsection (2)(b) as they apply in relation to a local

outcomes improvement plan prepared and published under subsection (1) of that section (but subject to the modification in subsection (4)).

**(4)** The modification is that the reference in subsection (4)(a) of section 6 to representations received by virtue of subsection (3) of that section is to be read as if it were a reference to representations received by virtue of that subsection as applied by subsection (3) of this section.

**(5)** Where a community planning partnership revises a local outcomes improvement plan under subsection (2)(b), it must publish a revised plan.

**(6)** Subsection (2) applies in relation to a revised local outcomes improvement plan published under subsection (5) as it applies in relation to a local outcomes improvement plan published under section 6; and the duty in subsection (5) applies accordingly.

#### Local outcomes improvement plan: progress report

**(1)** Each community planning partnership must prepare and publish a local outcomes improvement plan progress report for each reporting year.

**(2)** A local outcomes improvement plan progress report is a report setting out—

(a) the community planning partnership's assessment of whether there has been any improvement in the achievement of each local outcome referred to in section 6(2)(a) during the reporting year, and

(b) the extent to which—

(i) the community planning partnership has participated with community bodies in carrying out its functions under this Part during the reporting year, and

(ii) that participation has been effective in enabling community bodies to contribute to community planning.

**(3)** In this section, "reporting year" means—

(a) a period of one year beginning on 1 April, or

(b) in relation to a particular community planning partnership, a period of one year beginning on such other date as may be specified in a direction given by the Scottish Ministers to the community planning partnership.

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**LOCALITY PLANS**

Locality plan

(1) Each community planning partnership must prepare and publish a locality plan for each locality identified by it by virtue of section 9(3).

(2) A community planning partnership may prepare and publish a locality plan for any other locality within the area of the local authority for which it is carrying out community planning.

(3) A locality plan is a plan setting out for the purposes of the locality to which the plan relates—

(a) local outcomes to which priority is to be given by the community planning partnership with a view to improving the achievement of the outcomes in the locality,

(b) a description of the proposed improvement in the achievement of the outcomes, and

(c) the period within which the proposed improvement is to be achieved.

(4) In preparing a locality plan, a community planning partnership must consult—

(a) such community bodies as it considers appropriate, and

(b) such other persons as it considers appropriate.

(5) Before publishing a locality plan, the community planning partnership must take account of—

(a) any representations received by it by virtue of subsection (4), and

(b) the needs and circumstances of persons residing in the locality to which the plan relates.

Locality plan: review

(1) Each community planning partnership must keep under review the question of whether it is making progress in improving the achievement of each local outcome referred to in subsection (3)(a) of section 10 in relation to each locality for which it has published a locality plan under subsection (1) or (2) of that section.

(2) Each community planning partnership—

(a) must from time to time review each locality plan published by it under section 10,

(b) may, following such a review, revise such a plan.

(3) Subsections (4) and (5) of section 10 apply in relation to a locality plan revised under subsection (2)(b) as they apply in relation to a locality plan prepared and

published under subsection (1) or (2) of that section (but subject to the modification in subsection (4)).

(4)The modification is that the reference in subsection (5)(a) of section 10 to representations received by virtue of subsection (4) of that section is to be read as if it were a reference to representations received by virtue of that subsection as applied by subsection (3) of this section.

(5)Where a community planning partnership revises a locality plan under subsection (2)(b), it must publish a revised plan.

(6)Subsection (2) applies in relation to a revised locality plan published under subsection (5) as it applies in relation to a locality plan published under section 10; and the duty in subsection (5) applies accordingly.

Locality plan: progress report

(1)Each community planning partnership must prepare and publish a locality plan progress report in relation to each locality plan published by it under section 10 for each reporting year.

(2)A locality plan progress report is a report setting out the community planning partnership's assessment of whether there has been any improvement in the achievement of each local outcome referred to in section 10(3)(a) during the reporting year.

(3)In this section, "reporting year" means—

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#### **Briefing Note on Working Definitions**

##### Socio-economic status

An individual's socio-economic status is a person's social and economic position in relation to others, based on income, education and occupation.

##### Health inequalities

Health inequalities are the unfair and avoidable differences in people's health across social groups and between different population groups. They are most commonly associated with socio-economic inequalities but can also result from discrimination (NHS Health Scotland).

Examples of health inequalities include:

- In the most affluent areas of Scotland, men live an average of 12.9 years longer than those in the most deprived areas (and women 8.4 years)
- A child's early life circumstances and experiences shape their physical, social, mental, cognitive and emotional development and negative experiences can have a lifelong impact on health, learning and behavior
- The life expectancy of people with learning disabilities is substantially shorter than the Scottish average
- Gender-based violence is experienced unequally: 17% of women and 7% of men have experienced the use of force from a partner or ex-partner at some point in their lives

The fundamental causes of health inequalities are an unequal distribution of income, power and wealth. This can lead to poverty and marginalisation of individuals and groups.

## Poverty and deprivation

### **Poverty:**

The European Commission's Joint Report on Social Inclusion 2004 defines relative poverty as:

"People are said to be living in poverty if their income and resources are so inadequate as to preclude them from having a standard of living considered acceptable in the society in which they live. Because of their poverty they may experience multiple disadvantage through unemployment, low income, poor housing, inadequate health care and barriers to lifelong learning, culture, sport and recreation. They are often excluded and marginalised from participating in activities (economic, social and cultural) that are the norm for other people and their access to fundamental rights may be restricted".

The Report defines what poverty means for individuals:

- Lack of basic necessities
- Isolation
- Too much bureaucracy and lack of information
- Lack of respect and hope
- Lack of decent work
- Fear for their children

The heart of the matter is that poverty is about 'not having enough'. It is also a fundamental right that people should have adequate resources to enable them to participate in society; in a consumer economy, adequate resources means adequate income. It must also be acknowledged that 'income poverty' has been the pre-eminent focus of anti-poverty activity, debate and policy in Scotland and the UK.

### **Areas of Multiple Deprivation:**

As the name suggests, multiple deprivation is used to describe the situation when individuals, households or collections of people in small geographical areas are deprived of a range of conditions at the same time; for example, they are deprived of adequate housing, education *and* employment. In Scotland, multiple deprivation is most closely associated with small geographical areas through the *Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)*. Areas of multiple deprivation in Scotland are currently identified using 38 indicators spread across seven domains. Multiply deprived areas are defined relatively; most typically, 15% or 20% is used as the threshold for defining a multiply deprived area, i.e. of the 6505 datazones in Scotland, those whose deprivation score is ranked 1 to 975 (the bottom 15%) or 1031 (the bottom 20%) are described as 'multiply deprived' areas. It is widely accepted that measures of deprivation for small areas do not adequately represent deprivation in rural areas.